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REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated February 27, 2006, the Applicants request continuing examination of the above-referenced application. No late fee is deemed due. The Patent Office is authorized to debit deposit account number 50-0510 in the amount of the RCE fee (\$790) and for any additional fee that may be required to maintain the pendency of this application and/or to advance this request for continuing examination.

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims: begins at page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks/Arguments: begins at page 9 of this paper.

Appendix: None.